

**ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Terrance A. Tomkow  
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          INTEGRITY OF ELECTRONIC MESSAGES  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action mailed April 29, 2008, the response to which is due July 29, 2008. Applicant herewith petitions the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for reply for three months from July 29, 2008 to October 29, 2008. The extension fees will be paid by credit card with this electronic transmission.

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment be entered and the application be reconsidered and the claims allowed. Applicant submits herewith a complete listing of all of the claims.

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